

HB 7277 & SB 1070

My name is Donna Sanchini Swarr and I reside at 8 Shultas Place in Hartford, CT. I am urging you to support both HB 7277 and SB 1070.

I live on street that has several blighted properties. My neighbors are ready to move into either an apartment or downsize and have been unsuccessful in selling their homes due to the unattractive houses on our street. These dwellings attract the homeless and drug addicts. Many are used for prostitution. Garbage collects, rodents and other animals gain access to the building and organic waste piles up which becomes a bio hazard. The building next to our home has had a fire, rodent infestation, and been used to house "workers". It had neither running water nor electricity.

The City of Hartford has had two previous attempts over the past 10 years. to manage blight; I was involved in efforts to identify and map blighted buildings We need to try another approach. I think that the Land Bank concept has proven itself in other communities and I am very interested in its implementation to solve our blight in our neighborhoods.